## Spelling list: gh words

The *gh* spelling pattern often perplexes learners because it can be pronounced in a variety of ways.

In many words, for instance *night* and *light*, the letters *gh* have no audible pronunciation.

In some cases, the *gh* spelling pattern is pronounced as /f/. Words such as *enough* and *laugh* illustrate this phenomenon.

In some words, for example *ghost* and *ghastly*, *gh* is pronounced as /g/.

Because the *gh* pattern can be used to spell so many different sounds, it's really important to take the time to become confident with using it. Learn these words using the *Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check* and *Listen and Spell* spelling activities and try out our spelling games.

cough David has a bad cold and a **cough**.

laugh The film was hilarious, I have not laughed so much in ages.

rough The path was **rough** and rocky.

tough This meat is far too **tough** to eat.

high Birds fly **high** in the sky.

sleigh The kids enjoyed the **sleigh** ride.

sigh The bored girl gave a loud **sigh**.

thigh The upper part of a leg is called the **thigh** .

naughty Put that **naughty** child to bed early.

caught The thief was **caught** in the act.

daughter The **daughter** of a King is called a princess.

enough Is there **enough** space in the car for me?